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SUBJ: GEN. YARIV ON PRINCIPLES OF DISENGAGEMENT

1. IN INTERVIEW APPEARING DEC 28 MAARIV, ISRAELI NEGOTIATION AT KM 101 TALKYRN RES GEN AHARON YARIV, OUTLINED ISRAELI TERMS FOR DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES. PERTINENT POINTS IN INTERVIEW ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.

2. NOTING THAT ISRAELI PRESENCE ON EGYPT'S WEST BANK WAS LIKE BONE STUCK IN EGYPTIAN THROAT, YARIV SAID ISRAEL AGREES IN ADVANCE TO WITHDRAW WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF NEGOTIATIONS AND IN ORDER TO REACH PEACE SETTLEMENT BUT THAT " DISENGAGEMENT MUST BE FIRMLY BOUND TO TERMS ACCEPTABLE TO US."

3. ASKED WHAT ISRAELI CONDITIONS FOR DISENGAGEMENT WERE, YARIV OUTLINED THEM IN FOLLOWING MANNER. FIRST, ISRAEL WANTED SOMETHING IT RETURN FOR WITHDRAWING FROM WEST BANK. " WHEN WE ARE FORCED TO GIVE UP WHAT WE ACHIEVED ON THE BATTLEFIELD, WE WANT A RETURN FOR IT, WITH THE FINAL RETURN BEING PEACE." YARIV THEN NOTED

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THAT DISTANCE ISRAEL WAS WILLING TO WITHDRAW FROM EAST BANK OF

CANAL WAS MINIMAL " SINCE A SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT HAS TO BE BASED ON STAGES AND AT EACH STAGE WE MUST TEST EGYPTIAN INTENTIONS." REGARDING DEPTH OF WITHDRAWAL, YARIV SAID ISRAEL MUST REMAIN WEST OF MITLA AND JIDDI PASSES AT THIS STAGE. SECOND CONDITION WAS ISRAELI UNWILLINGNESS TO ALLOW EGYPTIANS TROOPS TO REMAIN ON EAST BANK OF CANAL, "WHICH COULD ENDANGER OUR POSITIONS AND PROVIDE MILITARY PRESSURE FOR POLITICAL CONCESSIONS...THEY CAN MAINTAIN AN EGYPTIAN ADMINISTRATION BUT NOT KEEP ARMED FORCES ON THIS SIDE." ISRAEL'S THIRD CONDITION, YARIV SAID, WAS "ON WEST BANK WE ALSO DEMAND LIMITATIONS ON EGYPTIAN FORCES ON BASIS OF MUTUALITY...IN RETURN FOR LIMITATIONS ON EGYPTIAN WEST BANK FORCES, WE ARE READY TO LIMIT IDF TROOPS ON THE EAST BANK." FINAL ISRAELI CONDITION WAS INSISTENCE THAT EGYPTIANS BEGIN CLEARING CANAL AND REHABILITATING CITIES ALONG SUEZ CANAL. " THIS WILL BE PROOF THAT EGYPT WANTS PEACE SINCE THE CANAL IN OPERATION AND THESE TOWNS BACK TO LIFE ARE ANOTHER BARRIER TO WAR."

4. YARIV SAID THAT HE HAD MADE THESE CONDITIONS CLEAR TO GEN GAMASY DURING KM 101 TALKS. " OUR WITHDRAWAL LINE IN THE DISENGAGEMENT TALKS IS NOT THE FINAL LINE. WE HAVE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR (EGYPT'S) MILITARY INITIATIVES, NOT THE OPPOSITE. THEREFORE WE HAVE TO PUT BARRIERS IN THE WAY OF THIS TEMPTATION. THE IDF'S STRENGTH IS ONE BARRIER. A UN FORCE ANOTHER. REDUCTION OF YOUR WEST BANK FORCES ANOTHER AND ALSO OUR MINIMAL WITHDRAWAL. EACH OF THESE MAKES IT HARDER TO BREAK THE CEASEFIRE AND IT IS LEGITIMATE FOR US TO DEMAND THESE." ASKED WHETHER AS PART OF A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT ISRAEL SHOULD INSIST THAT EGYPT ANNOUNCE A COMPLETE END TO STATE OF WAR, YARIV REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY. "GIVING UP A STATE OF WAR AND DEMILITARIZATION OF ANY AREA FROM WHICH WE WITHDRAW ARE CONDITIONS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE BARRIERS TO ANOTHER WAR OR TO MILITARY PRESSURE DURING THE GENEVA TALKS."

5. ASKED ABOUT SUPERVISORY ARRANGEMENTS, YARIV SAID SUPERVISION MUST BE CARRIED OUT JOINTLY. IDF SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO PHOTOGRAPH EGYPTIAN AREA AND VICE VERSA. SIZE AND LOCATION OF FORCES SHOULD BE SUPERVISED AND THERE SHOULD BE JOINT PATROLS AND JOINT OBSERVATION POINTS AT AGREED SPOTS. THERE SHOULD BE DIRECT PHONE LINE BETWEEN LOCAL COMMANDERS AND REGULAR MEETINGS AT VARIOUS LEVELS BETWEEN OFFICERS IN FIELD. FINALLY, UN FORCE SHOULD NOT

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BE ALLOWED TO PREVENT THESE CONTACTS SINCE "THUS WE WILL START ON THE LONG PROCESS OF MUTUAL RECOGNITION AND CONFIDENCE."

6. ASKED IF HE THOUGHT IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR ISRAEL TO ACHIEVE THESE THINGS, YARIV RESPONDED THAT " IT WON'T BE EASY, BUT IT IS

POSSIBLE. IT DEPENDS ON OUR STAYING POWER AND OUR DETERMINATION TO FIGHT FOR THESE THINGS...FAILURE TO COME TO AGREEMENT MEANS

A CONSIDERABLE RISK OF RESUMPTION OF WAR BUT THIS MUST NOT DETER  
US IF WE ARE SPEAKING OF ESSENTIAL INTERESTS. IF WE DON'T  
ACCEPT THIS RISK NOW, WE WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT IT LATER UNDER  
MUCH WORSE CONDITIONS.  
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